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SUBJECT: MEETING OF GREEK AND TURKISH MFA SECRETARIES GENERAL

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1. DURING A COURTESY CALL BY THE AMBASSADOR ON THE MFA SECRETARY GENERAL TODAY, APRIL 10, THEODOROPOULOS INFORMED HIM THAT HIS APRIL 14 MEETING WITH TURKISH MFA SECRETARY GENERAL ELEKDAG WAS BEING POSTPONED. THEODOROPOULOS SAID THAT HE HAD CALLED IN TURKISH AMBASSADOR TEZEL APRIL 8 TO INFORM HIM OF THIS.

2. HE HAD EXPLAINED TO TEZEL, HE ADDED, THAT GIVEN THE CURRENT ATMOSPHERE HERE BRACKETS RESULTING FROM EMBARGO BRACKETS, PARTICILARLY THIS WEEK, THE GOG FELT THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO PUT OFF THE MEETING BECONFIDENTIAL.

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TWEEN THE TWO SECRETARIES GENERAL UNTIL THE DUST HAD SETTLED. THE GOG ISTHINKING OF HAVING THE MEETING RESCHEDULED FOR THE FIRST PART OF MAY, WHICH WOULD STILL ALLOW ADEQUATE TIME TO PREPARE FOR THE GREEK AND TURKISH PRIME MINISTERS TO MEET IN WASHINGTON FOLLOWING THE NATO SUMMIT.

3. THEODOROPOULOS TOLD THE AMBASSADOR HE WAS WAIT-
ING TO HEAR FROM TEZEL TODAY OF THE TURKISH REACTION.
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